

demonstration of the interest of the international community in guaranteeing the durability of any settlement in which they would in a sense be direct participants. An effective international control and guarantee organization, whatever its composition and sponsorship, would have to be given sufficient backing to enable it to ensure that military interference could be genuinely eliminated and not simply temporarily concealed, and that expressions of political choice were not subject to coercion.

The perspective opened up by a period of tranquility in which the people concerned would be assured that efforts to solve their problems would not be eroded by coercive intervention and political subversion, would have considerable attraction for all members of the international community. The Canadian Government, like the U.S. Government, believes that the development potential of the Mekong River and its immediately contiguous areas offers possibilities for exploitation which could be richly rewarding for the people of that area. An imaginative program for the exploitation of these and other resources and their utilization to bring a more prosperous way of life to the people of the region, could be readily devised and would no doubt call forth a generous response from all countries able to contribute. The President of the United States has already indicated that sweeping and generous scope of the extent to which the U.S.A. is prepared to contribute. The Canadian Government has also expressed its willingness to participate in an appropriate way. Significant if limited progress has already been made in this direction, but in the light of the interest which this